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Friends of the Missionary Education Movement:

Many appreciative words have been spoken or written telling of the value of the September Bulletin. There are some copies left. These, and also any remaining of this October Bulletin, will be sent free to any who desire to distribute them to others.

The reports of successful missionary activities in the churches this fall are just now beginning to come to the Mission Boards and the Movement. As far as space permits information calculated to encourage others will be given in new numbers of the Bulletin from time to time. Will you not help by sending reports of good results from work done in your church or community?

The financial situation for the Movement has improved considerably since the date of the last Bulletin. We now need $20,000 to close our fiscal year on November 30 with all obligations met. We have faith that our friends will respond fully to the appeal of our need, that there may be no hindrance in the work of the new year. But let the response come quickly, since the time is short!

Sincerely yours,

Fred Smith

General Secretary

EVERYLAND TO EVERY BOY AND GIRL EVERYWHERE

We believe every boy and girl should know every other boy and girl of every land well enough to respect and love and desire to serve them all. To make this possible *Everyland* the missionary magazine for boys and girls is published. The small subscription price of 50 cents in the United States and 60 cents in Canada is no indication of its literary excellence and its genuine attractiveness to its readers. Will you not help give *Everyland* to every boy and girl of your home and church as a Christmas or birthday present and do it now?

SAILING OF FAITHFUL WORKERS

It is both a pleasure and a cause of regret to announce the sailing of the Rev. Kenneth J. Beaton of our Toronto office with Mrs. Beaton for Chentu, Szechwan, West China leaving San Francisco on the Steamship *Mongolia* on October 24th under appointment of the Canadian Methodist Board. Miss Irene Mason of our New York office will also sail on November 25th from New York on the Steamship *Lusitania* to Lahore, India. under the Presbyterian Board, where she will be intimately connected with the work of the Forman Christian College. The marriage of the Rev. Arthur E. Harper to Miss Mason has been announced to precede the date of sailing by one week.

PACIFIC COAST INSTITUTES

The one hundred and four delegates at the first Asilomar (California) summer conference of the Movement last July determined to extend the work of that conference by organizing a series of missionary institutes during the fall and winter. Already such training schools have been held in Berkeley, Oakland and San Francisco. Others will be held in San José, Santa Cruz, Los Angeles, Pasadena, and San Diego. The Rev. Ernest F. Hall, Pacific Coast Secretary of the Presbyterian Board has taken the lead, and

a capable and faithful staff composed of secretaries of other mission boards, ministers, professors, and other missionary leaders have given loyal help. An earnest effort is being made to double the delegation at Asilomar in 1915.

SUMMER CONFERENCE DATES FOR 1915

Since the September bulletin was issued the dates of the Silver Bay and Estes Park Conferences have been fixed. The schedule stands now as follows:

Blue Ridge, N. C.	June 25 - July 4
Asilomar, Cal.	July 2 - 11
Silver Bay, N. Y.	July 9 - 18
Estes Park, Col.	July 16 - 25
Lake Geneva, Wis.	July 30—August 8 (requested)

(The Lake Geneva date has not yet been officially granted.)

At one of the 1914 conferences two delegates registered for 1915 before leaving the grounds. Programs for next year are already well under way. Former delegates are advised to plan reunions early this winter in order to organize the selection of capable delegates for next year's conferences, and make provision of funds to send them.

A POSSIBLE NEW SUMMER CONFERENCE

For eight years an interdenominational conference has been held at Ocean Park, Maine, led chiefly by former delegates at Silver Bay. The attendance in 1914 was 110. The workers have included the Rev. Asa M. Parker, now of Malden, Mass., the Rev. F. H. Means, of Madison, Me., the Rev. J. B. Coy of Harrison, Me., and the Rev. Charles Harbutt of Portland, Me. These leaders have now asked the Missionary Education Movement to adopt the Conference. The 1914 program was identical in theory and subject matter with that of the other conferences. The delegates are drawn chiefly from Maine and New Hampshire with smaller groups from eastern Massachusetts and Rhode Island. The dates for 1915 are July 22-30. Final action by the Board of Managers will be taken on October 21st, and if it is favorable (as now seems probable), the preliminary announcement of next year's conferences soon to be issued will include the Ocean Park gathering.

NEW ENGLAND TERRITORIAL COMMITTEE

In order to further the work of missionary education in the territories in which summer conferences are located, committees have been organized to supervise the programs and give counsel concerning other forms of missionary training during the year. Plans are now approaching completion for the organization of such a committee in New England, centering in Boston. It is proposed to merge the organization of the Ocean Park Conference into that of the territorial committee, and to encourage the development of both Silver Bay and Ocean Park, through the same group of counsellors and leaders. Full announcement of the action concerning this important step will be made in the next Bulletin.

COUPLING GIVING WITH INSTRUCTION

The value of providing for activities as an outlet for the natural desires of those who have been inspired through the study of missions is shown by the following extract from a letter received from the Rev. John I. Armstrong, Educational Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S., of Nashville.

> "A special service on medical missions was recently presented to our Sunday-schools, which we thought was of special educational value. We gave them the opportunity for expression in connection with the impression we tried to make. As a result they have contributed between $12,000 and $13,000 for the permanent equipment of a new mission station opened in China."

PALESTINE EXHIBITS

As this bulletin goes to press the Rev. Allen Moore is conducting a Palestine Exhibit at Camden, New Jersey. Another is scheduled for Philadelphia, beginning about November 15th. For these the Movement has available one of the best collections of Palestinian objects and costumes ever shown in this country. The testimony of pastors in whose churches Palestine exhibits have been given confirms the belief that the incentive to Bible study and the study and support of missions is great and lasting. Ten such exhibits have been conducted or definitely scheduled since the Movement adopted this line of work. All of those held have more than paid expenses. Special circulars describing the Palestine Exhibit may be secured by writing to the Movement.

MISSION STUDY IN EPISCOPAL CHURCHES

The following condensed report made by the Rev. Arthur R. Gray, Educational Secretary of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church indicates remarkable progress in the promotion of mission study in small organized groups.

> "Last year we had 1113 teachers and conducted 1857 classes with an average of at least ten members to a class. These classes were conducted under the official auspices of the Diocesan Educational Secretaries. There were a good many others held, so that we think it safe to say that considerably over 20,000 people, probably nearer 25,000 were studying last year. Most of them used Dr. Pott's text-book, *The Emergency in China*. To supply these classes we sold through this office between 25,000 and 30,000 books last year.
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> "In every instance the largest growth has been reported from places from which delegates went to summer conferences."

MINISTERS LEADING IN MISSIONARY EDUCATION

The Rev. George F. Sutherland, Secretary of the Department of Missionary Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church, has recently summarized the experience of several ministers in promoting missionary instruction in the following words:

> "An increasing number of pastors are attempting to stir their entire church on missionary matters. Many of them are enlisting large numbers in actual study of some theme with gratifying success. One pastor persuaded his entire Sunday-school to devote a three months period to this study; another combined it with his evangelistic campaign; a third held evening classes in each of the twelve Sunday-school class rooms and had two overflow groups; a country pastor had five classes, the largest in a country church; while in Battle Creek, Mich., last year there was an interdenominational study class campaign in which most of the churches co-operated. Thirty-three neighborhood groups were organized."

KEEPING THE SUPPLY OF LEADERS CONSTANT

The First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta sent a delegate to the 1904 Lookout Mountain Summer Conference of the Movement. The church has been represented each year since that time, the total number of delegates having been twenty-five. Two have entered home mission work and four are in foreign mission fields. The pastor testifies that the spiritual efficiency and general power of the church as an organization has been lifted in a marked manner by these leaders. Through them several workers from other churches in Atlanta have attended the Southern Summer School, one of whom has become a foreign missionary.

ENGAGE THE STEREOPTICON LECTURES EARLY

Nearly 100 advance engagements have been made for the stereopticon lectures noted in the last bulletin, for this fall and winter. The Young Men's Christian Association of Reading, Pa. has scheduled a lecture monthly for ten months. Churches desiring to use these as an aid to the popular presentation of missions on Sunday evenings, in prayer meetings or on other occasions should apply early to the nearest depository city or to the Movement's New York office. The depository cities are Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Buffalo, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, Denver, Portland, San Francisco, Nashville and Atlanta. The address of the agent and the title of the lectures available in each city can be found on page 8 of the announcement "Christ for Every Life and All of Life", or the list can be obtained by writing to the office of the Movement.

A PLAN OF CAMPAIGN FOR A LOCAL CHURCH

The Rev. J. Franklin Ream, minister of the First Methodist Episcopal Church Westfield, N. J., has demonstrated the value of the new series of publications being

issued by the Movement under the title "The M. E. M. Library of Christian Progress". On the first Sunday after the general home-coming from vacations, he preached a sermon on "A Plan of Campaign for our Local Church". In the sermon emphasis was given to the need for spiritual training, religious education, evangelism, community service and service beyond the community. Mr. Ream then made practical use of the book *The Church, a Community Force*, by Worth M. Tippy, which appears in the series to which reference has been made. He says:

> "At the close of the sermon I spoke briefly of the book by Dr. Tippy, his ten years in Cleveland, Ohio, the practical way in which he has led his church into a larger service. Then I asked all leaders and heads of the local church organizations who are interested in attaining larger and more practical service to secure a copy of the book, and look especially for suggestions which we can apply to our work in Westfield. One of the ushers had charge of two dozen books, twenty of which were sold at once. The others have since been called for. Suggestions gleaned from the book will be the subject for discussion at the next meeting of the various organizations."

THE UNITED MISSIONARY CAMPAIGN

During the year 1913-14 representatives of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards organized a co-operative educational and field campaign under the title at the heading of this paragraph. Four hundred and five interdenominational conferences were held in the United States and fifty-four in Canada. Over 200 different speakers and leaders shared in the platform work. More than 350,000 people heard the message. Each of the 27 teams of speakers used a select missionary exhibit. The Laymen's Missionary Movement organized and conducted the conferences in the field, and the Missionary Education Movement outlined the educational part of the campaign, prepared the exhibits and furnished the literature. Many hundreds of churches conducted the Every Member Canvass for the first time as a result of the conferences. Another notable result was the deepening of the spiritual life of the church members and the development of a larger number of new workers. The United Missionary Campaign will be continued during 1914-15, the emphasis still being laid upon meetings in the smaller cities.

KNOWLTON CLUB OF OTTAWA, ONTARIO

The former summer conference delegates from Ottawa at Knowlton, Quebec and Whitby, Ontario have organized themselves into a Knowlton Club. A missionary institute was held by them in Ottawa. They took as their slogan "Fifty for Knowlton", and succeeded in having fifty-six in attendance at the 1914 Knowlton Conference, four at Silver Bay and two at the Whitby Conference.

THE LURE OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

At the Knowlton Conference the closing meeting was marked by the decision of 36 young people either to enter upon some form of definite Christian service, or to give serious consideration to it after returning to their home churches. They later met with their denominational leaders and received counsel as to their study and preparation.

GUIDING THE READING OF A PARISH

The Rev. John M. Moore, Secretary of the Department of Missionary Education of the Baptist Cooperating Societies, reports a striking illustration of the value of an organized missionary reading campaign in a single parish. He says:

> "The church had 340 resident members and 160 non-resident members. Of these
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> | 311 residents | read | 533 | books |
> | 31 non-residents | " | 40 | " |
> | 25 Seminary students | " | 26 | " |
> | 5 Missionaries in India | " | 15 | " |
> | 10 Christian Converts in India | " | 30 | " |
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> A total of 389 reading 651 books. One hundred and sixteen persons in study classes purchased 120 books. There was deep interest in the campaign, spiritual interest was awakened and 44 new members were welcomed into the church.